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Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
BOARD AND LODGING, from \$60 to \$70 per month.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

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THE PHARMACY,

Under New and Experienced Management.

FLETCHER & Co. whilst thanking the COMMUNITY of HONGKONG for past Support to merit a Continuance of same by devoting close attention to Business and Supplying as formerly GOODS OF BEST QUALITY only.

For the present season we recommend with confidence:—

QUININE AND TONIC.
SUIT OF THE HYDROPHOBES.
EPIPHENOMENIC OINTMENT MAGNETIC.
VALENTINE'S MET JUICE.
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A Large Assortment of MAIL, TOOTH, HAIR AND SHAVING BRUSHES, also TOILET REQUISITES of every description always in Stock.

Prescriptions receive the greatest attention.

FLETCHER & Co.—Family Chemists, Perfumers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Etc.

FLETCHER & Co., No. 25, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, August 14, 1894. 1321

NOTICE

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

In accordance with the Provision of No. 121 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents have this Day declared an Interim DIVIDEND OF 8 PER CENT. for the Half-Year ending 30th June, 1894, on the Paid-up CAPITAL of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS, Payable on MONDAY, 27th August, will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, August 10, 1894. 1309

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth, or Final, CALL of 50 CENTS per Share on the Shares issued at ONE DOLLAR has now been made.

NOTICE is also given that the CALL of 50 CENTS per Share on the Shares issued in EXCHANGE for SHARES in the Old Company has now been made. Both these CALLS FELL DUE on the 10th September, and should be Paid to the Underwriters, at No. 2, Praya Central, to whom the Scrip should be sent for endorsement.

By Order of the Board,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 9, 1894. 1302

NOTICE

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, LTD.

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THE BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (L.D.)

Interest for 12 months 5%.

Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1863.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... \$200,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... \$200,000.

RESERVE FUND ... \$275,000.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5%.

" " " 6 " 4%

" " " 3 " 8%

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 825

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAD-UP CAPITAL ... \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND ... \$4,500,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY ... \$10,000,000.

PROPRIETORS ... \$10,000,000.

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:—

C. J. HOLLOWAY, Esq.—Chairman.

J. H. MOLES, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

R. M. GRAY, Esq.—Hon. Mr. Connelius.

H. H. HOPKINS, Esq.—S. C. Michaelson.

H. H. JONES, Esq.—E. H. H. Jones.

H. J. K. KRAMER, Esq.—D. R. Sassoon, Esq.

Julius Kramer, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:—

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:—

Shanghai—H. M. BETTS, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 12 " 5 "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 18, 1894. 333

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

LACE WALKING BOOTS, Heavy.

LACE WALKING BOOTS, Medium.

RUSSET LEATHER WALKING BOOTS.

SHOOTING BOOTS.

ELASTIC-SIDE WALKING BOOTS.

ELASTIC-SIDE MILITARY BOOTS.

DESS BOOTS.

RUSSIA LEATHER SHOES.

CALF LACE SHOES.

PATENT LEATHER SHOES.

DANCING PUMPS.

WHITE CANVAS SHOES.

CRICKET SHOES.

CANVAS TENNIS SHOES.

BUCKSKIN TENNIS SHOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Telephone, No. 97.

Hongkong, August 15, 1894. 1327

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H.-KONG TRADING CO.

OUR

AUTUMN SALE

COMMENCES

MONDAY, 20th August.

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SURPLUS STOCK THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

Hongkong, August 18, 1894. 1349

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DAWSON'S PERFECTION

OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO.,

SOLE AGENTS, HONGKONG AND THE FAR EAST.

62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 11, 1893. 1049

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address, "Keweenah" A. B. C. Code.

THE MOST COMMONLY AND BEST-APPOINTED HOTEL in the Far East; situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, and adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony).

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy.

The BED-ROOMS, with adjoining BATH-ROOMS, are lofty and well ventilated, open to spacious Verandas, are lighted by gas and lit throughout with electric communication.

The READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, LADIES' DRAWING ROOMS, the NEW BAR and PUDDLE BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

WINES and SPIRITS of the BEST BRANDS only.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

Hongkong, October 21, 1892. 1842

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W. POWELL & Co.

SPECIALTIES IN ORGANIC DRESS MUSLINE.

CIREPONS, COTTON CORDUROYS, LINEN AND COLOURED DRILLS,

&c., &c., &c.

NEW TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED SUMMER MILLINERY.

FLOWERS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 28, 1894. 1240

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

LONDON.....Java.....23rd August.....Freight or Passage (calling at Marseilles, if sufficient inducement offers).

SHANGHAI.....Rohilla.....About 27th August.....Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI.....Japan.....About 28th August.....Freight or Passage.

LONDON.....Surat.....Noon, 30th August.....See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN.....Ancona.....Noon, 31st August.....Freight or Passage.

LONDON.....Aden.....About 4th Sept.....Freight or Passage (calling at Marseilles, if sufficient inducement offers).

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 17, 1894. 1311

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 7% per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1894, declared at Monday's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHAMPOO DOCK COMPANY, and after TUESDAY, the 21st August, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's OFFICE, No. 14, Pavia Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 20, 1894. 1349

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's HOTEL on MONDAY, 10th September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1894, with the Report of the Directors and to discuss any matters that may competently be brought before the Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th instant to the 10th PROXIMO, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

E. LYALL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 20, 1894. 1356

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to GIVE ESTIMATES for fitting the PATENT POCES on Land and MARINE BOILERS for Burning CHARBONNADES COAL DUST.

GORDON & CO.,

BOWINGTON FOUNDRY,

East Point.

Hongkong, August 20, 1894. 1348

TO LET.

HOUSE, No. 24, 'BELLIOS TERRACE,' Robinson Road.

OFFICE, First Floor, 'MARINE HOUSE,' No. 15, Queen's Road.

HOUSE, No. 3, 'BEACONFIELD ARCADE,' Queen's Road.

ROOMS in 'BEACONFIELD ARCADE.'

HOUSE, No. 6, Ice House STREET, lately occupied by Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

GODOWNS in DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to BELLIOS & CO.

Hongkong, August 20, 1894. 1355

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

STEAMSHIP VICTORIA, FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-HAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 20, 1894. 1351

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Oceanic (via Amoy, Nagasaki, Kobe, TUESDAY, Aug. 21, Inland Sea and at 1 p.m. to Yokohama),

Globe (via Nagasaki, TUESDAY, Sept. 11, Kobe, Inland Sea at 1 p.m. to Yokohama),

Beagle (via Nagasaki, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10, Kobe, Inland Sea at 1 p.m. to Yokohama).

THE Steamship OCEANIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, AMOY, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, TO-MORROW, the 21st August, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invites to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Pavia Central.

J. S. VAN BURDEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 20, 1894. 1361

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agts.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Sachsen (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 25, daylight.
Japan	Anconia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 31 at noon.
Kobe	Lenox (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug. 25 at 5 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal	Alberty (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 21, daylight.
London, v. Suez Canal	Surat (s)	Butterfield & Swire	September 1.
London and Hamburg	Tropic (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About 30 at noon.
London	Adon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 29.
London	Emeralda (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 25.
Marselles, v. Salou	Orus (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 4.
New York, Suez Canal	Madura (s)	Messageries Maritime	Aug. 22, at noon.
New York	Bindon Hill	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	George S. Homer	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Port Darwin, S.E.	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 3 at 4 p.m.
Samarang & Surabaya	Shantung (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About 30.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Oceanic (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 21, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Rio de Janeiro (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 20, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco	Silberhorn	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Sundakau and Kudat	Memnon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 22, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Eohill (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Aug. 26.
Shanghai	Japan (s)	Simeons & Co.	About Aug. 26.
Singapore, H'burg	Daphne (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Aug. 26.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of India (s)	Douglas Lapra & Co.	Aug. 21, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Victoria (s)	Nor. P. & S. & Co.	Sept. 6, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Victoria (s)	Nor. P. & S. & Co.	Aug. 28, at noon.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Tideman leaves for London.

Noon.—Fokin leaves for Swatow, &c.

1 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co.'s Steamer leaves for Japan and San Francisco.

5 p.m.—Emeralda leaves for Manila.

Miscellaneous.

Dividend of 7% on Shares of H. K. & W'pos Dock Co., Ltd., payable.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.40 p.m.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 24.—

Noon.—Auction of Sundries at H. M. Naval Yard.

Goods per Maria Valerie undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, August 27.—

Dividend Warrants of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., payable.

Transfer Books of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 10th proximo, inclusive.

TUESDAY, September 10.—

Call of 50 Cents on Shares of The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., duo.

Wednesday, 17.—

YORKSHIRE.—Polypodium, 20; Sutler, 3; Heslop, 27; Briga, 30; Bombay, 4; Saghalian, Kustik, 7.

The P. M. a. City of Rio de Janeiro, with the Amazonian Mail of July 20, left Nagasaki on Friday, August 17, at 4 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer Notal, with the France Mail of July 20, left Saigon on Sunday, the 19th August, at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, Aug. 22. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on June 13.

The N. L. Co.'s steamer Gera, with the German Mail of July 30, left Colombo on Saturday, Aug. 19, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, Aug. 22.

The O. M. R. a. City of Peking, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on Aug. 7.

The P. M. a. City of Peking, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on Aug. 16.

The D. D. R. a. s. Bellona, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on Aug. 17, and may be expected here on or about Aug. 23.

The s. s. Catherine Apear, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on Aug. 18, and may be expected here on or about Aug. 24.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s. s. Titan, left Singapore for this port on Aug. 19, and may be expected here on or about Aug. 24.

The F. & O. O. s. s. Borbora left Bombay for this port on Aug. 8.

The M. G. I. a. s. Borbora left Bombay for this port on Aug. 9, and may be expected here on or about Aug. 27.

The H. M. S. Peacock left Hongkong for Shanghai yesterday.

The Empress of Japan arrived at Vancouver on the 17th inst.

The s. s. Catherine Apear, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 18th inst.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The half-yearly general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. J. S. Van Buren presided, and there were also present: Messrs. H. Hoppius, St. C. Michaelson, J. Kramer, G. B. Dodwell, H. J. Joseph (directors), D. Gillies (secretary and manager), A. G. Wood, Capt. Tunstall, A. G. Stokes, R. Mitchell, W. Puffit, S. L. Darby.

The Secretary read the notice of meeting. The Chairman said—The report and accounts to the 30th of June having now been in your hands for some time, I will, with your kind permission, take them as read. There is not a great deal to add to the full statement before you, but may say that although we have been obliged to put several large sums to the debt of our revenue account, our business has been very fair, and the balance to our credit is such that your Directors have again much pleasure in recommending a dividend of 7 per cent for the half year, that a sum of \$100 be paid to contributing shareholders, \$30,000 written off the value of our Kowloon Docks, \$5,000 from the value of the steam launches, and a balance \$37,975.95 carried forward for the new half year. The earnings for the half year under review would doubtless have been more satisfactory had it not been for the visitation of the plague which drove shipping away from the Colony, and forced owners to do their docking elsewhere, and you may perhaps have noted from the daily papers that one of the Spanish man-of-war has recently been docked in Singapore instead of coming to us as usual for her overhaul. With the improvement in the health of the port, however, I trust, as you probably all do, that there may be a renewal of business and the revival of the interrupted shipping trade, which means generally an increased business to our docks. I am happy to say that during the entire epidemic, the health of all employees at the docks, both foreign and native, has been good, no deaths having occurred among them, and further that work has not been interrupted by a shortage of labour, or a strike on the part of the native workmen, which seemed at one time possible. The Company, as you probably all aware, suffered a serious loss in the week of the steam-tug *Pilot Fish*, on the 7th of March last, while in a trip to render assistance to the steamer *Tantalus*, which vessel was ashore Table Island. The tug had already made one trip safely, and was on a second voyage, when while passing her way through a fog she struck a sunken rock and remained hard and fast. Assistance was promptly sent, but unfortunately owing to rough weather, we were unable to float her, and three days later she became a total wreck. There being no insurance on the vessel we have been obliged to provide for a sum of \$14,253.55, at which amount she stood in our books. A tug boat being of course a necessity in our business, it was intended to replace the *Pilot Fish* with a larger and more powerful vessel, but in the meantime the *Fame* having been offered by the Government on reasonable terms she was purchased, and has since been regularly employed. I am happy to say the working of this boat has been entirely satisfactory that your Directors consider her fully equal to all requirements, and the project of building a new vessel has therefore been abandoned. The item of interest you will notice still appears as a very heavy charge against our revenue, but your Directors are keeping this continually in view, and are endeavouring to get it down as rapidly as possible. You will be glad to learn that we have been able during the last six months to reduce our local loans by the sum of \$135,000, and the total of these loans, excluding the Sterling amount due to us, is now stands at \$360,000. If our business keeps up to the average of the past two years, I have every hope that all local loans will soon be liquidated, and the present heavy charge for interest very materially reduced if not wiped out altogether. There is however, I am sorry to say, again another large sum to be written off for the Admiralty Loan Exchange adjustment account, the balance of this account, which now stands at £14,939.3.3, having been adjusted at exchange 2/12 to the dollar. It is of course impossible to predict what course silver may take in the future, but as the adjustment is now made at such a low rate, it is hoped there may be no necessity to make any further provision for this account later on. The value of our stock of material on hand is some \$20,000 more than it was on December 31st last, which is due to the importation of the whole of the iron and steel required for two vessels now in course of construction at Kowloon, but on the completion of these two vessels, and the settlement of their accounts, this amount will be largely wiped out.

I am happy to say we have commenced another six months under favourable auspices, the returns from the Books for the month of July show a profit of \$34,200, besides which we have a fair amount of work on hand.

It is of course impossible to say what effect, if any, the War at present in progress between China and Japan, may have upon our business, or how it will affect shipping in these waters, but I hope that work may be plentiful, and the profit for the coming six months may be at least equal to that made during the period under review. I do not think I have anything further to add to the report and accounts, but before proposing their adoption, I shall be glad to answer any questions that may be asked.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Stokes seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman—There is no further business, gentlemen; I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

This concluded the proceedings.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

STAFF RANGE CUT.

At the usual Saturday afternoon meeting the Cup and Spoon were won by Commander Ashe, R.N., who made the highest possible score at 200 yards; and a total of 65 points out of a possible 70 in the two ranges. The following are the two best scores:

Commander Ashe, R.N.	200	100	50	20	10	5	Grand Total
Mr. Wm. Stewart	25	23	47	14	6	6	96

The Sessions were adjourned until Wednesday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

The following are the statistics of the Hongkong Hospitals for the twenty-four hours to noon to-day:

Admissions	Deaths	Under Treatment
5	1	38

Total

Deaths

Persons

Grand Total

Persons

Deaths

Persons

